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The *Tribune*'s imbecility in its recent issue, is well illustrated by its treatment of the *Tribune*'s utterances, our people will do well to consider them in one light especially: the *Tribune* is the mouthpiece of the northern allies of the Virginia Republicans, and gives expression to the animus of these allies.

Funding Bill vs. Coupon Decisions.
The Mahoneites keep repeating the joke that one Democrat voted with STANLEY MATTHEWS and his three assenting Justices—making five votes in all—in the coupon cases recently decided in the Supreme Court of the United States, the Democratic party, and not the Republican party, ought to be held responsible for that judicial usurpation. There were four assenting and four dissenting Republican Justices and one assenting Democrat. Therefore, say the Mahoneites, the Democrats were guilty of that offence against all the States of this Union.

We doubt whether any Republican stump-speaker will assume that position in a discussion with a Democrat. It is only a joke, one would suppose. Certainly no Democratic speaker will be sorry to have that alleged point made against him. He can easily show, and present a much stronger array of figures to prove, that the Republicans passed the funding bill of 1871. The vote was as follows: Republicans for the bill, 52; Democrats for the bill, 51; So we see the Democrats were evenly divided—51 for and 51 against it. And the casting vote of the Republicans for the funding bill was not cast by one man, as in the Supreme Court cases, but by fifty-two Republicans! Which party, according to these figures, was responsible for the passage of the funding bill of 1871, and for "the cut-worms of the Treasury"?

What Does It Mean?

In an interview with a reporter for the *New York Times* at Atlanta, Ga., last week, Hon. JOHN S. WISE is reported as follows:

"They [the Democrats] have made a pretty mess of it. It was on the legislation of this Democratic Legislature that the Supreme Court of the United States made its recent decision declaring the coupons of our bonds receivable for taxes."

"How will the success of your party affect the question of this decision of the Supreme Court?"

"We will simply repeal this latter legislation and let Readjuster legislation stand."

Repeat what legislation? That is an important question. What acts of the Democratic Legislature are those which Mr. WISE threatens to repeal?

The first thing done by the Democrats was to pass a joint resolution declaring that the people of Virginia accepted the RIDDLBERGER bill.

Then they passed a bill requiring licenses to be paid for in money. Will Mr. WISE repeal that act?

Then they passed a bill taxing coupon-brokers and coupon-compelling lawyers. Will Mr. WISE repeal that act?

Then they passed a bill providing a sinking fund for tax-receivable coupon bonds. Will Mr. WISE repeal that act?

Then they passed a bill to declare the true intent and meaning of the RIDDLBERGER act. Will Mr. WISE repeal that act?

These constitute a portion of the Democratic legislation which Mr. WISE would repeal. What say the people?

Increasing in Strength.

When he ran for congressman-at-large Mr. MASSEY was not voted for by JAMES BARROW HOPE, Esq., of the Norfolk *Landmark*. Mr. HOPE, however, has announced it to be his purpose to vote for Mr. MASSEY this year, and speaks as follows in his paper:

"Some of the correspondents of northern papers seem to think that Mr. MASSEY will be an element of weakness to the Democratic party in this campaign. We think, this we think, is a decided error. The candidate for Lieutenant-Governor developed great strength in the Convention, and when he is elected he will be found that he is a man of remarkable power. When he ran as candidate at large he labored under many disadvantages, and yet he polled a very large vote; and now that he has the endorsement of the party he will have the party vote. Our judgment is that he brings strength, not weakness, into the canvass."

No doubt of it. The ticket was so strong, not made, but grew. After FITZLER had been nominated MASSEY became invincible.

Early in the Field.

We had supposed that this "heated term" would prove fatal to the prosecution during August of an active campaign; but not so; the Sixth congressional district rings out a call as follows:

To the Democrats of the Sixth Congressional District:

The people of the counties of Halifax, Charlotte, Montgomery, Botetourt, Roanoke, Bedford, and Campbell are notified that they will be addressed by prominent speakers of the party on their respective county-courts days in August, September, and October.

P. A. KRISKE, Chairman Sixth Congressional District Committee.

Local Outing.

We have heard it said that the Republican platform as published does not contain the local-option plank. This statement is a mistake. The plank is as follows:

"For a general law providing that any county, city, town, and district in this Commonwealth may determine for itself, by a majority of its voters cast at a special election held for the purpose, whether it will enforce the sale of spirituous liquors shall be allowed within its limits."

So there can be no discussion of that question.

There is too much Parson Newman at Mount McGregor. The national tribute of affectionate regret for the most distinguished citizen of the country ought not to be marred in any way by the intrusive performances of this reverend person.—*Philadelphia Record*.

The Record is right. NEWMAN is the same person who not long ago, for a

sufficient consideration, proved the dead son of a California millionaire to have been one of the greatest of mortals.

Joint Discussions.

The editor of the *Portsmouth Enterprise* is a gentleman for whose opinions we have high respect. In his paper he says:

"No JOINT DISCUSSIONS.—The Democratic State Central Committee acted very wisely in deciding against joint discussions with the Mahone people in the coming campaign. The bulk of the Mahone strength is the negro, and as a class the negro is imbued with so much prejudice that argument has no influence upon him. Recently, in the contested-election case of Carney vs. Crocker, in Norfolk county, the negroes came into court voluntarily and swore that they never had voted the Democratic ticket and never would vote it as long as they lived, hence a discussion before this class of people can do no good. The Mahone speakers cannot get an audience of white people in this section of the State to hear them, and there is no reason why the Democratic speakers should furnish them with audiences. Let them rally their deluded black followers to their meetings and make their speeches to them and the Democrats will flock by themselves."

Atlantic City is said to have a flag so wired that it cannot hang limp, even if there is no breath of air stirring. It is fixed above the gable of a hotel, and is intended to convince the heated guest that his discomfort is imaginary, and that the wind is always blowing. MAHONEY plays that sort of game upon his followers. His flag is apparently floating in the wind, but really is "wired" so as to produce that illusion. The FITZLER banner is the one that catches all the breeze. Popular favor keeps it at full size day in and day out.

Joint Discussions.

To the Editor of the *Dispatch*:

You will confer a favor on not a few of your readers by giving the substance of the rule observed in the last canvass in relation to "joint discussions."

In 1880 our chairman, Mr. Barbour, sent out a request that no joint discussions be had with the Mahone machine. It enabled the young men to see the character of the men who supported each side, and a single glance at the Mahone crowd determined them at once where to go. The reason of this request was set forth by Mr. Barbour—to wit, that our self-respect would not permit us to recognize people who had denounced us as assassins. Inasmuch as this language is repeated in what they call their platform, the reason urged by Mr. Barbour, the same force now it had then, and should be observed accordingly. We are not fighting the Republican party, but a thing used for the sole purpose of furthering the interests of one man—General Mahone.

OLD STAGER.

The State Central Committee resolved last week not to have joint discussions. The following is the MAHONEY resolution referred to:

"We declare our resolute opposition to the present Federal Administration as the fit creature of the immoral and faithless relations of apostate Republicans with the National Democracy, and as the natural product of folly, fraud, force, and perjury, which has already displayed all the traits of its origin by proclaiming a test for office that at once finds its most flagrant violation in the effective permanency of the language and its Cabinet; by parading the mean hypocrisy of reform that awards premiums to false witness and calumny; by servile obsequiousness at the North to the men whose treachery betrayed Republicanism, and stole the crown of power and victory for barter, and by insolent venality and brutality in the South, and especially in this Commonwealth, that have conspicuously identified it with the worst elements of rapine and corruption, and made it the accomplice of that Bourbonism whose effective strength consists of organized regulators, ballot-box stuffers, and assassins—to the grief and indignation of good men of all parties."

The Republicans try to explain that all of this resolution is qualified by the closing words: "To the grief and indignation of good men of all parties." But the other words speak for themselves.

We have not at hand Mr. BARROW'S request of two years ago on this subject.

BRIEF COMMENT.

"Dr. NEWMAN'S oration will be printed." And most editors will "lay it upon the table."

"After all, what's in a dress?" muses a writer. There is a great deal in address. It is, in fact, an art.

"Don't wear your clothes tight," says the *Philadelphia Times*. What are the light fellows to do—go without clothes?

The Milwaukee *Sentinel* says: "A penny for FREDDY GERHARDT's thoughts these days." Why throw away your money?

If WHITELAW REID, of the *Tribune*, has any friends, now is the time for them to prove their friendship by putting his head into an ice-box.

"Who Was JUNIUS?" is the caption of a column article in the *Providence Evening Mail*. The Mail must be satirizing the *Providence Journal's* habit of discussing dead issues. Upon that ground only can the public pardon it.

"New York secures the tomb of GRANT, but it remains to be seen whether his estimate of the dead will be in the shape of subscriptions to his monument." It will be very small if she can get the rest of the country to pay for the monument.

General Fitz Lee and Brent.

General W. S. Hancock has telegraphed General Fitz Lee, the nominee of the Democratic party of this State for Governor, requesting him to act as aide in the obsequies of General Grant in New York next Saturday. A similar request was made of General Brent, of Wytheville, in this State. It is understood that both of these gentlemen will accept the honor.

Alma Tadema, the artist, has just executed a picture three and one-half inches by two and one-half to show a frame ornamented with old silver shoe-buckles. With characteristic audacity, he painted on this surface a scene with a full-length reclining figure in the foreground and with a wide expanse of beach, sea, and sky.

AROUND NORFOLK.

A SHOT-GUN ACCIDENT.

Amputation Necessary—Deaths—Sickness—Rain Needs—Recovering—Spirits—(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, August 3, 1885.

A young man named John Forhand, of Deep Creek, while handling a load of shot-guns yesterday let the gun fall to the floor, causing it to explode and the whole charge to go into his left hand.

The right hand was amputated at once by Dr. H. F. Butt. The left hand is badly shattered.

Two old and prominent citizens of Norfolk county—Caleb J. Etheridge and Nathaniel Warden—were buried at Indian Creek yesterday. A large amount of sickness of the bilious type prevails in the county just now, and in some sections to a greater extent than ever known before.

A number of Philadelphia capitalists have organized a company to build a large watering-place hotel near Cape Charles, Va., which will be of sufficient size and capacity to rival any of the sumptuous caravansaries higher up the coast.

The farmers of the county say they now need rain all through this section for the corn and grass crops. Showers are frequent, but they are too light, and the great need in the country is a soaking rain of a day or two duration.

The young ladies, Miss Watta and Miss Brooks, who narrowly escaped drowning at Portsmouth on Saturday afternoon, are better to-day, but continue very ill, with strong fever.

A number of the clergy of the Diocese of Kentucky, following the example of Bishop Dudley, find Norfolk a pleasant place for their summer recreation. There was preaching in both Norfolk and Portsmouth yesterday by ministers of that diocese. There seems to be quite a large number of strangers in the two cities just now.

All the white military of Portsmouth spend to-morrow at Magnolia Springs, on the Seaboard and Roanoke railroad.

DANVILLE AND VICINITY.

Rains and Crops—The Colored Man as a Cropper—Tobacco—The Dan-River Association.</